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Mallophaga, Dermaptera, Orthoptera, Physopoda, Hemiptera, Neuroptera, Mecaptera, Trichoptera, Lepidoptera, Diptera, Siphonaptera, Coleoptera, Hymenoptera. The first chapter is devoted to zoological classification and nomenclature, and the second to the near relatives of the insects—crustaceans, scorpions, spiders, mites and myriapods. In the third chapter appears a general discussion of the characteristics of the class Hexapoda, together with a table for determining the orders of insects. Then follow nineteen chapters, each devoted to one order of insects.

The Manual must prove for many years to come the *sine qua non* of the student of American insects. The authors are to be congratulated upon the happy completion of so many years of earnest work, and entomological teachers will be heartily glad to be able to give a satisfactory answer to the query so often asked regarding a text-book for those desiring to take up the study of insects. The accompanying plate shows samples of the engravings in the book.—CLARENCE M. WEED.

In Bird Land.⁴—In this little volume Mr. Keyser has recorded a series of observations made on the birds about Springfield, Ohio. A rare descriptive power combined with a warm love for the feathered tribes makes the writer a most delightful depicter of scenes in bird life. Domestic and social habits, out-of-the-ordinary conduct, their schemes for making a living and a variety of other interesting bits of information, the result of the author's personal gleaming in field and forest, at all seasons of the year, are discussed in an easy, colloquial style that is extremely entertaining.

A list of birds seen in the vicinity of Springfield during the year, numbering 134 species is given in the appendix.

RECENT BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Annual Report of the Curator of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College to the President and Fellows of Harvard College for 1893-94.

ARANZADI, D. T. DE.—Fauna Americana. Madrid, 1892.

BARNES, C. R.—On the Food of Green Plants. Extr. Botanical Gazette, Vol. XVIII, 1893. From the author.

BENDIRE, C.—Description of Nests and Eggs of Some New Birds, collected on the Island of Aldabra, northwest of Madagascar, by Dr. W. L. Abbott. Extr. Proceeds. U. S. Natl. Mus., Vol. XVII, 1894. From the author.

⁴In Bird Land. By L. S. Keyser, Chicago, 1894. A. C. McClurg & Co. Publishers.